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All of the presently submitted references, listed on Form PTO/SB/08A submitted herewith, were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application. Among these, Cite No. F1 is not in English.

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As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite No. F1 is, a copy of the European Search Report also accompanies this paper.

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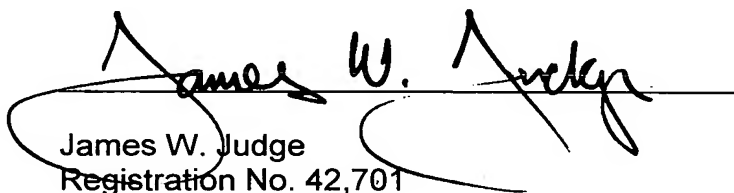
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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